

THE TRUE  
**NARRATIVE**  
 OF THE  
**PROCEEDINGS**  
 AT  
**The Sessions-House**  
 IN THE  
**OLD-BAYLY.**

Which began on *Wednesday* the 7th of this instant *July*, 1680.  
 and ended on *Thursday* the 8th: followng.

Giving an Account of most of the Remarkable Tryals there, viz. for Murder, Felonies and Burglaries, &c. with a particular Relation of their Names, and the places of their committing their Facts, with the number of those Condemned to die, Burn'd to the hand, Transported, and to be whipt,

**T**He most remarkable Trials were as followeth, *Isabella Sterling* of *London* Spinster, late a Servant to one *Simon Urling* was Indicted for stealing from him her said Master two hundred pounds in monies, the Witness swore against her, that upon Mr. *Urlings* report of the Robbery to him, he went in search of the said *Sterling*, and by some direction, found not only her, but several parcels of the monies as she had disposed of it, 50 pounds in one place, 60 pounds in another, and the rest or most of it in her Trunk, with several parcels of other Goods, and especially one remarkable piece of broad Gold, upon which he apprehended her, and took her into farther Examination, to which she at first pleaded Innocence, but afterward told him, that if he would let her a'one, her Master should have all his Monies again, and thereupon delivered up what was in her possession. her plea was that she did not steal it, but that she was importuned by some near related to her Master to take the Key out of his Pocket, and to open his Closet, the which, as she said, she as often denied; telling them that if she knew they wronged her Master, she would inform him of it; and afterwards they having got the Impression of the Key in Clay, went to a Smith in *Gutter-Lane* or thereabouts, and had two false Keys



made, and with them opening the Closet took from thence a considerable parcel of Monies, as Mr *Dilling* affirmed to be 10 pound & 2 specified in the Indictment given to her. Last Sessions she feigned herself Frantick, but that no ways prevailing, she was continued till this Sessions, and now upon full proof, not only by her own confession, but by several sheets, Nipkins, and other Linnen that she had disposed of, she was found Guilty.

*John Moor* and *Tho. Sides*, were tried for these Felonies following, and *John Grainger* as accessary, first for that *John Moor* and *Tho. Sides*, having on the 23th of *June* last, about 4 in the Morning broke open or picked the Lock of Mr. *Samuel Harris* his Warehouse in *Bartholomew Close*, and taking thence Serges to the vallue of 40 or 50 pounds, the Evidence swore that he saw the latter, viz. *Sides*, with a bundle of Stuffs upon his Back going through *Duck-lane*, and that he was in the Dress of a hot Presser or Callender, which was the reason that he examined him not, the next witness swore that he saw him come again to the said Ware-house, and walk up and down before it for some time, and then Knock at Mr. *Harris*'s Window, as if he would call him up, and after that went into the Ware-house, and took away another Burthen, upon which he called to Mr. *Harris*, asking him if he ordered any one to take any Stuff? to which he answered no, they told him that a certain Man had carried out two parcels, at which being much amazed, he came down Stairs, and found it so, whereupon, he pursuing the Prisoners, had notice given him that they were gone into *Graingers* house with the said Goods; the which upon enquiry *Grainger* denied, but they fetching a Constable found one of them in Bed, seemingly asleep, and the other under the bed and the Stuffs in a Chamber beneath them; upon which, and their own Confession, they were both found Guilty of the Felony, and *Grainger* as accessary to it.

The next Indictments were for breaking open the house of *John Baker*, a Barber in the Parish at *resaid*, and stealing thence *Pereuks* Looking-Glasses, Razors, S zers, Napkins and other Goods to the vallue of 16 pounds, several of the said things being found between the Tiles and the Seiling, the last was for Robbing one *Charles Thomson* of the Parish of *St. Brides* Barber, of the like Instruments, of both these *Moor* and *Sides* were found Guilty, *Sides* having been burnt in the hand the last Sessions.

*Mary Clark* of *St. Buttolphs* without *Algate* was tried for killing her Female-Bastard Child, which was found thrown into a Vault she could not deny, but it was her Child, but her Plea was, that  
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it was still born, and that she Cryed out for help but cou'd get none to deliver her; but there being no proof of it, and the Statute made in that Case to prevent such ludenels read, she was found Guilty of the unnatural Murther.

*S. Jannah Warner* Received her Trial, for that she in the Company of one Woman and three Men came into a Victualling house; in *St. Martins* in the Fields, and after having called for drink, so far observed their opportunity as to break open a Box or Desk that stood in the next Room to them, and taking thence three Gold-Rings, one broad piece, half a Guinny, and 7 pounds in money; she pleaded not Guilty, but some remarkable pieces of the money being found about her, with several other points of material Evidence she was through the Commiseration of the Court to her young years found Guilty only to the vallue of 10 *s.*

*William Westood* of the Parish of *Acton* was Arraigned and tried for Killing one *Jeremiah Wormvil*, the Circumstances proved thus, the Prisoner going along the Road overtook the deceased, and having a little Boy with him, the boy went to run by the deceased's Cart that he was then driving, and as it was supposed made his horses start whereupon he took the boy and threw him upon a Dunghil that was hard by; the which so incensed the Prisoner that he struck him a box on the Ear with his Fist as made him stagger till he fell under the Wheel of his own Cart so that ere any one could save him, though as it was sworn the Prisoner endeavoured it, the Wheel went over his Neck of which Mortal bruise he instantly died, but there being no former Mallice between the Prisoner and the deceased proved, the Prisoner found Guilty only of Manslaughter.

*Sammuel Griffin, William Abbot, Edward Prichard, and Edward Williams* were Arraigned and tried for entering the house of a person of Honour in *Holbourn*, and taking thence 7 Damask Curtains, one Goldembroidered Belt, one Swanskin Curtain, a Silk Quilt, they being seen with a parcel of Goods upon their Backs in *Booth Lane*, and know'n to be suspicious Fellows, were followed and after they were housed, apprehended by a Constable with the aforesaid Goods, vvhich upon enquiry were soon owned. *Abbot* upon his Tryal endeavoured to excuse the rest, saying he found them hid in *St. Pauls* building, and that *Griffin* vvas no ways acquainted vwith him, but they met at the house accidentally, the other two being youths were found Guilty of Pertilacenaries only, and they being old Offendors brought in Guilty of the Fellony.

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*Richard Caps* a Coach-man, the manner was as followeth : *Philip Doughty* having been in the Strand with another Gentleman was returning to the Pallace-yard on Foot, but the deceased standing in the street with his Coach, plying them for a Fare, they took Coach, the Gentleman with the Prisoner being set down about Charing-Cross, he drove the said Esquire Doughty, to the House of a person of Quality in Pallace-yard and there setting him down he gave the deceased a s. but not being contentd asked him for 6 d. more, which he refusing to give him as he said, the deceased gave him Scurrilous language, whereupon he beat him with this Fist or Cane, and going in shut the door upon him, at the noise of the Scuffle, several persons coming up, the Coachman declaring the business, and said that he would not be served so, but running to the Gate bounced at it with his Foot, whereupon Doughty coming out with his Sword drawn, made several passes at him, whilst he defending himself with his Whip, and at last closing threw him and with his Sword wounded him in the Brest and in his Thigh and in several other places so that about 6 or 7 Weeks after he dyed this being sworn against Esquire Doughty, he was found Guilty of Murther, and the other Gentleman being Indicted as an Abettor only, and that not absolutely proved, he was acquitted.

*William Williamson* was Indicted for Robbing Justice Northies Coach in November last His Wife and Son being therein, they took from them one Necklace of Pearl, a Scarf, a Cravat, five or six shilling in Moneys. And some other things the Necklace being worth a hundred and odd Pounds : therewas about fix of them in Company, of which some of them have suffered : after they had done this Robbery which was Committed a little beyond Bow, they came to a House in White Chappel, and there divided the spoyl, paying the Scarfe for their reckoning, and selling the Pearl at a very low Rate, this the Prisoner denyed and offered to prove where he was that Night the Robbery (being done in November last) but could not whereupon and upon the evidence of a Fellow that was in the Robbery with him, he was found guilty.

*Jane Lant* was Indicted Arraigned and tryed for Robbing of one *Joan Davies* in the Parish of *St. Martins in the Fields*, of Plates, Goods and Moneys to the value of forty or fifty pounds : taking Lodgings of her, and in her absense had broak open her Boxes and was departed having taken with her silk Petticoates, Amber Necklaces, Gowns, and several other Things with eight Pounds in Money all amounting to the vallue above mentioned this being proved against her she was found guilty of the Felony.

*George Dixon* was Indicted and upon his Tryal found guilty of trespass for putting away eleven or twelve false new half Crowns.

*James Care* was Indicted for that he and two more broak open a House at *Howndlow*, and there binding the servant maid, and seasing the old man and woman of the House in their Beds, beating them most miserably to make them confess where their Moneys was, so that the woman is not yet recovered, after they had plundered what Portable goods they could find, as Linnen, Pewter, Brals and Moneys all they could light on, they departed, but the now Prisoner being taken he denyed the fact, yet it being positiveliie proved he was Convicted having been known to be a Notorious offender.

There are 9 persons condemned to die, 6 men and 3 Women, &c. 8 burn'd in the hand, two to be Transported, and seven to be whipt.

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